## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

## **NUMBER 12 OF 2017**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Lions Club is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the Centre Hall Lions Club was established on January 27, 1942, while the United States was involved in World War II, and is celebrating 75 years of service; and

WHEREAS, the Millheim Club was the sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the first Club activities and programs included erecting a Community Honor Roll of service men and women, promoting physical fitness programs, organizing an advanced first aid course and regular solicitation for the United War Fund; and

WHEREAS, at first funds were raised by private auction, second-hand sales, festivals, home talent shows, and in 1954 serving their first chicken Bar-B-Que. Members continue their commitment to community service through many local efforts, as well as through international programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 they purchased 8 acres in the Borough of Centre Hall where they have built a Bar-B-Que pit, storage shed, pavilion, and steel building. The facility is, often used for club meetings, weddings, reunions, and other community functions; and

WHEREAS, The Centre Hall Lions Club has been represented at the Zone, Region, District, and International levels of Lionism; comprised of 40 members who continue to dedicate their time to the betterment of our community and aiding those in need, the Centre Hall Lions Club is proud to serve the Centre Hall area and Penns Valley community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and commend the Centre Hall Lions Club on providing 75 years of service to the Centre County community.

**ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

Mark Higgins, Vice- Chair

Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator/Chief Clerk